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EX-ROSELLE PARK POLICE SERGEANT PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

TRENTON, N.J. – A former Roselle Park, New Jersey, police sergeant pleaded guilty today to possession of child pornography, admitting he had acquired approximately 1,000 criminal images, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Ronald Scull, 66, of Roselle Park, pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Joel Pisano to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography. Judge Pisano set sentencing for September 21, 2010.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made during Scull's guilty plea proceeding:

From 1969 to 1999, Scull was employed as an officer, and later a sergeant, with the Roselle Park, New Jersey Police Department. In 1999, Scull signed a voluntary separation agreement with the Roselle Park Police Department. Thereafter, he obtained a position with the Springfield, New Jersey Police Department as a volunteer, auxiliary officer, ultimately resigning after a federal search warrant was executed at his home on August 13, 2009.

Law enforcement officers seized several computer hard drives, which contained approximately 1,000 images of child pornography, including multiple images of prepubescent minors.

Scull admitted to regularly searching the Internet for images of child pornography using sexually suggestive terms and saving those images to his computer hard drives for his sexual gratification.

At sentencing, Scull faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Pisano will consult the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining the sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited the United States Postal Inspection Service for the investigation of this case. The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney

Lee Vartan of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

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